

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 1498

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, UV  
SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT LAMIZANA

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 1432

1. DURING OUR CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ON APRIL 3, WHEN I ACCOMPANIED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHNSON, I REFERRED TO THE PRESIDENT'S CANDIDACY FOR THE MAY 14 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND I ASKED HIM JOKINGLY WHETHER HE EXPECTED THERE WOULD BE NEED FOR A RUN-OFF ELECTION ON MAY 28 AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ELECTORAL LAW. THE PRESIDENT LAUGHED AND SAID THAT, OF COURSE, THERE WERE FOUR CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENCY AND HE DIDN'T WANT TO PREJUDGE THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION ON MAY 14. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS VERY OPTIMISTIC AND THE HE DID NOT REALLY EXPECT THAT THERE WOULD BE NEED FOR A SECOND BALLOT ON MAY 28.

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2. COMMENT: MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA WILL EASILY OBTAIN AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY ON THE FIRST BALLOT MAY 14. GRAHAM

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